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Re:

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- 1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
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- 3. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
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- 5. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 6. One (1) return postcard.

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